



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76503

Kenji DATE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/617,872

Group Art Unit: 1775

Confirmation No.: 3837

Examiner: XU, LING X

Filed: July 14, 2003

For: POROUS SINTERED METAL AND FILTER THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING POROUS SINTERED METAL

**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petition to color photographs accepted in the above application. They submit herewith (i) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) of \$130.00; (ii) three (3) sets of color drawings; (iii) a black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the colored drawings; and (iv) an amendment to the specifications to insert the language required in 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2)(iv).

It is submitted that the color photographs are appropriate in this particular application since they are the only practical medium for illustrating the claimed invention, specifically, the photographs are scanning electron photomicrographs or optical photomicrographs which can illustrate the invention only when a full color presentation is presented to illustrate the differences between various parts of the embodiment shown. Analogy can be drawn to crystalline structures.

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Acceptance of the color photographs is requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 25, 2004 to December 27, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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